



# School of International Graduate Studies

Significant Activities Report

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## What's New?

- **Abroad the USS Kennedy:** RSEP program kicks off with the Atlantic based carrier
- **Homeland Defense:** New seminar and new partnership.
- **Counter-terrorism:** Seminar in Romania
- **LDSEP:** 40<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division deployment to the Balkans
- **Mobile Training Teams:** Tajikistan, Thailand, Argentina . . .
- **Planning Peace Operations:** Seminar
- **Publications, Interviews:**

## RSEP: Regional Security Education Program



**Aboard the USS KENNEDY:** From 15-28 June, a four-person NPS team, led by retired Admiral **Steve Loeffler**, provided graduate level lectures on Middle East and Islam to the crew of the USS Kennedy as they were enroute to Iraq from Norfolk, VA. Our thanks to Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleet, **VADM Gary Roughead** and Commander, Carrier Group Six **RADM Donald Bullard**, the JFK Strike Group is the first Atlantic Fleet to receive this training. Previously, it was limited to carriers in the Pacific Fleet. Those who could not attend the session (other ships in the strike group) were sent video-tapes of all 18 lectures for viewing and learning.

**USS JOHN STENNIS Strike Group:** The importance of the RSEP program cannot be overstated. **RADM Patrick Walsh**, in a recent letter, thanked Steve Loeffler for the program and noted the contributions that RSEP has made to the sailors of the Stennis Strike Group.

## The Dean's Corner

### >> Welcome:

- **(New) Associate Dean, CAPT Terry Pierce, USN**  
CAPT Terry Pierce has recently joined our faculty as the new Associate Dean. Pierce comes to us with a distinguished military and academic background. He holds a Harvard Doctorate in Public Administration (2001) and recently authored the book, War Fighting and Disruptive Technologies, Disguising Innovation, 3 Aug. Additionally, CAPT Pierce was one of four keynote speakers (*along with Secretary of Navy, Mr. England, Admiral Clark, CNO, and VADM Cebrowski*) at the Naval Research R&D Conference in Wash D.C. on 4 August.

### >> Congratulations to:

- **Vali Nasr** – who briefed the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on “*Pakistan: Balancing Reform and Counter-terrorism*”. Professor Nasr was one of three scholars who appeared before Senators’ Lugar and Biden to discuss Pakistan’s extremism.  
<http://foreign.senate.gov/hearings/2004/hrq040714p.html>
- **DRMI (Defense Resources Management Institute)** –for holding the longest record of any NPS Centers or Institutions in conducting Mobile Education Teams (MET) overseas – 14 METs to Argentina in 13 years! DRMI was there to assist the military in Argentina’s worst economic crisis and its success has led to the Minister of Defense’s request for two additional METs in 2005.

### >> Trips:

- **OSD Regional Center Roundtable (2-3 August):**  
Dean Ord participated in the third OSD sponsored meeting on the future of five U.S. Regional Centers—*The Marshall Center, The Africa Center, Asia-Pacific Center, The Center for Hemispheric Development, and The Near-East Center*. Dean Ord gave an overview of SIGS’ vision in 10-years and discussed best practices, ways in which all Regional Centers, SIGS, and NDU can assist each other.

### >> Special Tribute:

- **Col. Peter Leentjes (28 July):** SIGS is saddened by the sudden death of Col Leentjes, an internationally recognized authority on U.N. peacekeeping operations. Leentjes, a retired Canadian Army officer, was a frequent lecturer at CCMR and was employed by U.S. Pacific Command’s Center of Excellence in Hawaii. We will miss his dedication and leadership.

## Homeland Security

**Homeland Defense Seminar:** On 1 July, law enforcement officers from the Monterey Peninsula attended a 1-day seminar hosted by NPS and Congressman Sam Farr. The seminar's goal was to promote discussions on homeland defense and law enforcement. Topics include: Best practices for local law enforcement and intelligence on information sharing and etc.

### Partnership with USARPAC:

On July 22, NPSS hosted a meeting to finalize the details of our new partnership with the U.S. Army, Pacific Command. SIGS will be assisting USARPAC in strengthening DoD's capabilities for terrorism prevention and hazard response in the Pacific area of responsibility.

## Combating Terrorism

**ROMANIA: Combating Terrorism Seminar, 31 May-11 June:** 45 military and civilian students from eight Southeast European countries participated in this first-ever regional seminar on the threat and response to terrorism. Focus is on how to overcome differences in perspective—terrorism as a *crime*, or as *war*, or *both*. Participants welcomed the opportunity to discuss their country's efforts, shared knowledge, and learn about "regional approaches" to combating terrorism.

## Center for Civil-Military Relations (CCMR):

**GUATEMALA Project – MajGen (ret) Goetz** whose work on modernizing the Army and other defense reform efforts in Guatemala resulted in his participation in Pentagon meetings with the Vice President of Guatemala on 16 June.

### In-Residence Courses:

**Planning Peace Operations (PPO) Seminar, 26 July-13 August:** 16 international participants responsible for organizing their country's peace operations attended the once a year PPO three-week seminar. The course assists in understanding of the role/function of the U.N. in international political/security matters and complex contingency operations.

**Leadership Development and Education for Sustained Peace (LDESP), 28 June – 1 July** LDESP hosted the 40<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division with seminars on the political/military and complex environment of the Balkan region. End result? The Division is better prepared to assist and support various stability operations.

## Defense Resources Management Institute (DRMI):

**International Defense Management Course, 21 June – 16 July:** DRMI has just completed one of the most successful Senior DRMI course ever. 54 international officers (flag officers level or equivalent) from 40 countries attended the 4week course to learn and/or share their knowledge and expertise on how best to manage limited defense resources.



Five former students have returned for the DRMI senior international class. They are (from left to right): *Norway* ('94); *Morocco* ('01); *Kuwait* ('96); *Bulgaria* ('94); *Chile* ('92); *Germany* ('02) and **Dr. LaCivita**, Director, DRMI.

### (DRMI) International Mobile Education Course:

**Tajikistan, 7-18 June.** DRMI conducted the first-ever MET to Dushanbe. 29 participants--**Tajikistan** (24) and **Afghanistan** (5)--attended the regional seminar which focused on assisting the two countries' defense management systems and furthering relationships between their national security ministries.

## National Security Affairs (NSA):

### Department News:

- **Dr. Salmoni** was congratulated by MajGen James Mattis, USMC, Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division, for his exceptional support to troops in the Al-Aubar province in Iraq. This is the second outstanding kudos in two months from the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division.
- **Dr. Guttieri** was interviewed by the Public Radio Weekend about Iraq. Hear her interviews at the website below. Additionally, Dr. Guttieri represented NPS and The Center for Excellence at a NDU sponsored conference on "Planning for Post-Conflict Reconstruction: Learning from Iraq".  
[http://publicradioweekend.publicradio.org/programs/index\\_20040626.html#14](http://publicradioweekend.publicradio.org/programs/index_20040626.html#14)
- **Dr. Looney** authored a number of articles on Iraq and the Middle East, including the following: "Iraq's Future: Blessing or Curse?" Middle East Business & Economic Review, 16:1 June 2004, pp. 15-29.

### WMD Proliferation in the Middle East (6/28-30)

60 academic, intelligence, and community persons attended the two-day round table on the status of WMD programs in *Iran*, *Syria*, *Libya*, and the potential for WMD in *Saudi Arabia* from academic, policy, and intelligence aspects.